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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson. CPC

## Meeting No. 1

**Tuesday, May 9, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Serge Cardin,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Richard Harris,
David J. McGuinty,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons*:
Eugene Morawski, Committee Clerk.
*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Serge Cardin, Hon. Roy Cullen, Richard Harris, David J. McGuinty, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *House of Commons*: Eugene Morawski, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Alan Tonks, it was agreed, — That Lee Richardson be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Lee Richardson, it was agreed, — That David McGuinty be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Serge Cardin, it was agreed, — That Catherine Bell be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed with the study of Routine Motions.

On motion of Bradley R. Trost, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

On motion of Catherine Bell, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least 4 members are present, including 2 members of the opposition.

On motion of Bradley R. Trost, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents that are available in both official languages.

On motion of Lloyd St. Amand, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized, at the discretion of the Chair, to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

On motion of Richard Harris, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding 2 representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Richard Harris, it was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member

be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting.

On motion of Catherine Bell, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Roy Cullen, it was agreed, — That 24 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the susbstantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages.

Richard Harris moved, — That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statement; that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated as follows:

Round 1 (5 minutes): Liberal Party, Bloc Québécois, New Democratic Party, Conservative Party

Round 2 (5 minutes): Liberal Party, Bloc Québécois, Conservative Party

Round 3 (5 minutes): Liberal Party, Conservative Party, Liberal Party, Conservative Party

Round 4 (5 minutes): Liberal Party, Bloc Québécois, New Democratic Party, Conservative Party.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That, at the next meeting of the Committee, the Committee receive a breifing from Department of Natural Resources officials and that the final 30 minutes of the meeting be set aside for consideration, *in camera*, of future Committee business.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/10 3:37 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson CPC.

## Meeting No. 2

**Thursday, May 11, 2006**

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on the Department of Natural Resources.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen
Catherine Bell
Serge Cardin
Hon. Roy Cullen
Richard Harris
David J. McGuinty,
Christian Ouellet
Christian Paradis
Lee Richardson
Lloyd St. Amand
Bradley R. Trost

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Hon. Raymond Chan for Alan Tonks

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, May 11, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Serge Cardin, Hon. Roy Cullen, Richard Harris, David J. McGuinty, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Raymond Chan for Alan Tonks.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst. *House of Commons*: Eugene Morawski, Committee Clerk.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Howard E. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Policy Sector; Carol Buckley, Director General, Special Projects Energy Technology and Programs Sector ; Frank Des Rosiers, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch; Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Minister; Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Department of Natural Resources.

Richard B. Fadden made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Richard Harris, it was agreed, — That, at the discretion of the Chair, the Clerk be authorized to purchase documents for the use of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the next meeting of the Committee shall be *in camera* to discuss future Committee business.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst
*House of Commons*:
Eugene Morawski, Committee Clerk

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Howard E. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Policy Sector
Carol Buckley, Director General, Special Projects Energy Technology and Programs Sector
Frank Des Rosiers, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch
Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Minister
Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister

Richard B. Fadden made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson, CPC

## Meeting No. 3

**Tuesday, May 16, 2006**

## IN CAMERA

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Serge Cardin, Hon. Roy Cullen, Richard Harris, David J. McGuinty, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Lui Temelkovski for Lloyd St. Amand.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst. *House of Commons*: Eugene Morawski, Committee Clerk.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Roy Cullen, it was agreed, — That the Committee seek authority to travel to Calgary and Fort McMurray from June 4th to 6th, 2006 in relation to its mandate on natural ressources and sustainable development.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and research staff of the Committee draft a schedule of upcoming hearings pursuant to the direction of the Committee.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/23 10:21 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 4

**Tuesday, May 30, 2006**

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Natural Resources Sectors in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Serge Cardin,
Richard Harris,
David J. McGuinty,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Robert Thibault for David J. McGuinty.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Friends of the Earth Canada*:

David B. Brooks, Director of Research.

*Privy Council Office*:

Ian D. Campbell, Senior Project Director, Sustainable Development, Policy Research Initiative.

*As an Individual*:

Ralph Pentland.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Serge Cardin, Richard Harris, David J. McGuinty, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Robert Thibault for David J. McGuinty.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Friends of the Earth Canada*: David B. Brooks, Director of Research. *Privy Council Office*: Ian D. Campbell, Senior Project Director, Sustainable Development, Policy Research Initiative. *As an individual*: Ralph Pentland.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Natural Resources Sectors in Canada - Water Resources.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 5

**Thursday, June 1, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Natural Resources Sectors in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Serge Cardin,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Gary Nash, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minerals and Metals Sector;
Murray Duke, Director General, Geological Survey of Canada, Central and Northern Canada Branch, Earth Sciences Sector;
Thomas Hynes, Director, CANMET Mining and Mineral Sciences Laboratories.

*Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada*:
Anthony Andrews, Executive Director.

*Mining Association of Canada*:
Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Mining Watch Canada*:
Joan Kuyek, National Coordinator.

Gary Nash, Gordon Peeling, Anthony Andrews and Joan Kuyek made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, June 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Acting Chair, Richard Harris, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Serge Cardin, Hon. Roy Cullen, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Gary Nash, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minerals and Metals Sector; Murray Duke, Director General, Geological Survey of Canada, Central and Northern Canada Branch, Earth Sciences Sector; Thomas Hynes, Director, CANMET Mining and Mineral Sciences Laboratories. *Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada*: Anthony Andrews, Executive Director. *Mining Association of Canada*: Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Mining Watch Canada*: Joan Kuyek, National Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Natural Resources Sectors in Canada - Mining.

Gary Nash, Gordon Peeling, Anthony Andrews and Joan Kuyek made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 6

**Tuesday, June 6, 2006**

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Natural Resources Sectors in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Richard Harris,
David J. McGuinty,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
Bradley R. Trost

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell,
Marcel Lussier for Serge Cardin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, June 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Hon. Roy Cullen, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell, Bernard Bigras for Serge Cardin, Ron Cannan for Richard Harris and Marcel Lussier for Christian Ouellet.

*Associate Members present*: Mark Warawa.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Appearing*: Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Minister; Howard E. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Policy Sector; Margaret McCuaig-Johnston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Technology and Programs Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Climate Change Program Cuts and the Natural Resources Sectors in Canada.

Hon. Gary Lunn made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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**WITNESSES:**

*Energy Dialogue Group*:

Hans R. Konow, Chair, President and CEO, Canadian Electricity Association;
Brian Maynard, Vice-President, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers;
David MacInnis, President, Canadian Energy Pipeline Association;
Murray Elston, President and CEO, Canadian Nuclear Association;
Robert Hornung, President, Canadian Wind Energy Association.

Hans R. Konow made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 7

**Thursday, June 8, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on the Climate Change Program Cuts and the Natural Resources Sectors in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell,
Bernard Bigras for Serge Cardin,
Ron Cannan for Richard Harris,
and Marcel Lussier for Christian Ouellet.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Warawa.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Minister;
Howard E. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Policy Sector;
Margaret McCuaig-Johnston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Technology and Programs Sector.

Hon. Gary Lunn made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, June 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Hon. Roy Cullen, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell, Bernard Bigras for Serge Cardin, Ron Cannan for Richard Harris and Marcel Lussier for Christian Ouellet.

*Associate Members present*: Mark Warawa.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Appearing*: Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Minister; Howard E. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Policy Sector; Margaret McCuaig-Johnston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Technology and Programs Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Climate Change Program Cuts and the Natural Resources Sectors in Canada.

Hon. Gary Lunn made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson. CPC

## Meeting No. 8

**Tuesday, June 13, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of a Vice-Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Natural Resources Sectors in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Serge Cardin,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Tom Wallace, Director General, Electricity Resources Branch, Energy Policy Sector;
Christopher Johnstone, Chief, Fuels Policy and Programs, Office of Energy Efficiency, Energy Technology and Programs Sector.

*Canadian Wind Energy Association*:
Robert Hornung, President.

*Canadian Solar Industries Associations*:
Rob McMonagle, Executive Director;
Christian Vachon, Former President.

Tom Wallace, Christopher Johnstone, Rob McMonagle and Robert Hornung made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Serge Cardin, Hon. Roy Cullen, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Tom Wallace, Director General, Electricity Resources Branch, Energy Policy Sector; Christopher Johnstone, Chief, Fuels Policy and Programs, Office of Energy Efficiency, Energy Technology and Programs Sector. *Canadian Wind Energy Association*: Robert Hornung, President. *Canadian Solar Industries Associations*: Rob McMonagle, Executive Director; Christian Vachon, Former President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of a Vice-Chair.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the first Vice-Chair.

On motion of Roy Cullen, it was agreed, — That Lloyd St. Amand be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Natural Resources Sectors in Canada - Alternative Energy.

Tom Wallace, Christopher Johnstone, Rob McMonagle and Robert Hornung made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 9

**Thursday, June 15, 2006**

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Natural Resources Sectors in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Serge Cardin,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anthony Rota for Lloyd St. Amand.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Petroleum Products Institute*:
Alain Perez, President;
Jack Belletrutti, Vice-President.

*Pembina Institute*:
Jesse Row, Director, Sustainable Communities Group;
Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change.

*Canadian Renewable Fuels Association*:
Kory Teneycke, Executive Director.

Alain Perez, Kory Teneycke and Jesse Row made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, June 15, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Serge Cardin, Hon. Roy Cullen, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Anthony Rota for Lloyd St. Amand.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Canadian Petroleum Products Institute*: Alain Perez, President; Jack Belletrutti, Vice-President. *Pembina Institute*: Jesse Row, Director, Sustainable Communities Group; Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change. *Canadian Renewable Fuels Association*: Kory Teneycke, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Natural Resources Sectors in Canada - Alternative Energy: Renewable Fuels.

Alain Perez, Kory Teneycke and Jesse Row made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to the consideration of Committee business.

Catherine Bell moved, — That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statement; that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated as follows:

Round 1 (7 minutes): Liberal Party, Bloc Québécois, New Democratic Party, Conservative Party

Round 2 (5 minutes): Liberal Party, Bloc Québécois, New Democratic Party, Conservative Party.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Catherine Bell — 1; NAYS: Mike Allen, Serge Cardin, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Alan Tonks, Bradley R. Trost — 7.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/15 2:51 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 10

**Tuesday, June 20, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing from the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Serge Cardin,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sylvie Boucher for Lee Richardson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development*:

Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner;
John Affleck, Principal;
Richard Arseneault, Principal;
Neil Maxwell, Principal;
John Reed, Principal.

Johanne Gélinas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Serge Cardin, Hon. Roy Cullen, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Sylvie Boucher for Lee Richardson.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development*: Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner; John Affleck, Principal; Richard Arseneault, Principal; Neil Maxwell, Principal; John Reed, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing from the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Johanne Gélinas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 11

**Thursday, June 22, 2006**

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Natural Resources Sectors in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Serge Cardin,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marcel Lussier for Christian Ouellet,
and Rob Moore for Richard Harris.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of International Trade*:
Paul Bailey, Deputy Director, Softwood Lumber Division.

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Jim Farrell, Director General, Policy, Industry and Economics, Canadian Forest Service.

*J. D. Irving, Limited*:
Mark Bettle, Director, Corporate Planning;
Christopher MacDonald, Director, Government Relations.

*Canadian Boreal Initiative*:
Mary Granskou, Senior Policy Advisor.

*Forest Products Association of Canada*:
Marta Morgan, Vice President, Trade and Competitiveness;
Mr. Jean-Pierre Martel, Senior Vice-President, Sustainability.

Jim Farrell, Marta Morgan, Mary Granskou, Christopher MacDonald and Mark Bettle made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, June 22, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Serge Cardin, Hon. Roy Cullen, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Marcel Lussier for Christian Ouellet and Rob Moore for Richard Harris.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Department of International Trade*: Paul Bailey, Deputy Director, Softwood Lumber Division. *Department of Natural Resources*: Jim Farrell, Director General, Policy, Industry and Economics, Canadian Forest Service. *J. D. Irving, Limited*: Mark Bettle, Director, Corporate Planning; Christopher MacDonald, Director, Government Relations. *Canadian Boreal Initiative*: Mary Granskou, Senior Policy Advisor. *Forest Products Association of Canada*: Marta Morgan, Vice President, Trade and Competitiveness; Mr. Jean-Pierre Martel, Senior Vice-President, Sustainability.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Natural Resources Sectors in Canada - Forestry.

Jim Farrell, Marta Morgan, Mary Granskou, Christopher MacDonald and Mark Bettle made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/23 9:39 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 12

**Tuesday, September 26, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(2).

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Bradley R. Trost, it was agreed, — That Lee Richardson be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Lloyd St. Amand, it was agreed, — That Alan Tonks be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Claude DeBellefeuille, it was agreed, — That Catherine Bell be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 3:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/27 9:01 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 13

**Thursday, September 28, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Boshcoff for Alan Tonks,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Todd Norman Russell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, September 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Ken Boshcoff for Alan Tonks and Hon. Geoff Regan for Todd Norman Russell.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a study on the Oil Sands.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses: Corrine Gendron, Université de Québec à Montréal and departmental officials be invited to appear Tuesday October 3, 2006, in relation to sustainable development.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Natural Ressources be invited to appear on Tuesday November 7, 2006.

At 4:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/29 10:13 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 14

**Tuesday, October 3, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee travel to Calgary and Fort McMurray from November 19 to 20 in relation to its study on The Oil Sands.

It was agreed, — That each member of the Committee use a special travel point for the Committee's visit to Calgary and Fort McMurray on November 19 to 20.

At 4:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/04 9:58 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 15

**Thursday, October 5, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Report 2006 of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington
and Sylvie Boucher.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Auditor General of Canada*:
Richard Arseneault, Principal;
Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development;
Kim Leach, Director;
Neil Maxwell, Principal;
David McBain, Director.

Johanne Gélinas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, October 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington and Sylvie Boucher.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Office of the Auditor General of Canada*: Richard Arseneault, Principal; Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Kim Leach, Director; Neil Maxwell, Principal; David McBain, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Report 2006 of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Johanne Gélinas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/06 8:52 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 16

**Tuesday, October 17, 2006**

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Robert Thibault for Todd Norman Russell.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Robert Thibault for Todd Norman Russell.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Alan Tonks moved, — That the proposed operational budget, for the study on The Oil Sands, in the amount of $38 800, for the period of October 16 to December 31, 2006 be adopted.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Roy Cullen moved, — That the Committee recognizes that the Conservative Government and the Minister of Natural Resources ignored the advice of departmental officials who recommended the continuance and renewal of the EnerGuide for Houses and EnerGuide for Low Income Houses programs. For political reasons this Government, and this Minister have terminated this effective and efficient program. The Committee, in the interest of sound public policy, and for the benefit of all Canadians, calls upon the Minister of Natural Resources to immediately re-instate these programs.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible.

Roy Cullen moved, — That the proposed budget in the amount of $ 24 412, for the Committee's travel to Calgary and Fort McMurray on November 19 and 20, 2006, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee; and that the Clerk be authorized to modify the total amount to provide for the participation of Dennis Bevington and for the helicopter tour of The Oil Sands.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 1.

At 4:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 7:17 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 17

**Thursday, October 19, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources* :
Jean-Luc Bourdages.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Howard E. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, energy policy sector.

*CANMET Energy Technology Centre (CETC) - Devon* :
Hassan Hamza, Director General, Department of Natural Resources.

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Mr. Kevin Cliffe, Director, Oil Division Petroleum Resources Branch.

Howard E. Brown made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, October 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources* : Jean-Luc Bourdages.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Howard E. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Policy Sector. *CANMET Energy Technology Centre (CETC) - Devon* : Hassan Hamza, Director General, Department of Natural Resources. *Dept. Natural Resourses*: Mr. Kevin Cliffe, Director, Oil Division Petroleum Resources Branch.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of The Oil Sands.

Howard E. Brown made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Roy Cullen moved, — That the Committee regrets that the Government rejected the advice of departmental officials to continue and renew the EnerGuide for Houses and EnerGuide for Low Income Houses programs; and

That the Committee calls upon the Minister of Natural Resources immediately to reinstate these programs; and that this motion be reported to the House..

Debate arose thereon.

Roy Cullen moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words "and EnerGuide for Low Income Houses " and by replacing the words "programs" and "these programs" by "program" and "this program"..

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Roy Cullen and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 3.

Debate resumed on the motion as amended.

At 5:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Roy Cullen, it was agreed, — That the debate be now adjourned.

At 5:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 8:27 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 18

**Tuesday, October 24, 2006**

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Scott Reid for Mike Allen.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*National Energy Board*:
Jim Donihee, Chief Operating Officer;
Bill Wall, Technical Specialist, Oil;
Barry F. Lynch, Technical Leader, Oil.

*Canadian Energy Research Institute*:
Marwan Masri, Vice-President, Research;
George Eynon, Vice-President, Business Development & External Relations.

Jim Donihee and Marwan Masri made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Eugene Morawski
Committee Clerk

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Scott Reid for Mike Allen.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *National Energy Board*: Jim Donihee, Chief Operating Officer; Bill Wall, Technical Specialist, Oil; Barry F. Lynch, Technical Leader, Oil. *Canadian Energy Research Institute*: Marwan Masri, Vice-President, Research; George Eynon, Vice-President, Business Development & External Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of The Oil Sands.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the motions in the name of Roy Cullen.

Roy Cullen moved, — That the Committee regrets that the Government rejected the advice of departmental officials to continue and renew the EnerGuide for Houses program; and

That the Committee calls upon the Minister of Natural Resources immediately to reinstate this program; and that this motion be reported to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Catherine Bell, Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Christian Ouellet, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks — 7; NAYS: Richard Harris, Christian Paradis, Bradley R. Trost — 3.

Roy Cullen moved, — That the Committee recognize that the freezing of the Wind Power Production Incentive program has thrown the industry into disarray and put at risk jobs and future investment; and

That the Committee calls upon the Minister of Natural Resources immediately to reinstate full funding for the Wind Power Production Incentive program; and that this motion be reported to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Catherine Bell, Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Christian Ouellet, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks — 7; NAYS: Richard Harris, Christian Paradis, Bradley R. Trost

— 3.

Jim Donihee and Marwan Masri made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Committee Clerk

2006/10/25 11:14 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 19

**Thursday, October 26, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Joe McGuire.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Energy Innovation Network*:
Michael Raymont, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, October 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

*Other Members present*: Hon. Joe McGuire.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Energy Innovation Network*: Michael Raymont, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/27 9:12 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 20

**Tuesday, October 31, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Mining Association of Canada*:
Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Nature Québec / UQCN*:
Harvey Mead, President;
Marylène Dussault, Environmental Analyst.

Gordon Peeling and Harvey Mead made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Mining Association of Canada*: Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Nature Québec / UQCN*: Harvey Mead, President; Marylène Dussault, Environmental Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

Gordon Peeling and Harvey Mead made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Christian Ouellet moved, — That the Committee acknowledge the analytical framework to be used by the Committee in its work be that of sustainable development, which gives equal consideration to economic development, social equity and environmental conservation..

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/01 8:55 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 21

**Thursday, November 2, 2006**

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers*:
Pierre R. Alvarez, President;
Greg L. Stringham, Vice President, Markets and Fiscal Policy.

*Pembina Institute*:
Dan Woynillowicz , Senior Policy Analyst.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, November 2, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers*: Pierre R. Alvarez, President; Greg L. Stringham, Vice President, Markets and Fiscal Policy. *Pembina Institute*: Dan Woynillowicz , Senior Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/03 11:56 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 22

**Tuesday, November 7, 2006**

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of reference made Tuesday, April 25, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007 : Natural Resources, Votes 1, 5 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35.

Pursuant to the Order of reference made Monday,October 30, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2006-2007: Natural Resources, Votes 1a, 10a, 15a, 20a and 30a.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Joe McGuire for Todd Norman Russell.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pat Martin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources* :
Cassie J. Doyle, Deputy Minister;
Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Joe McGuire for Todd Norman Russell.

*Other Members present*: Pat Martin.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Appearing*: Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources* : Cassie J. Doyle, Deputy Minister; Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to the Order of reference made Tuesday, April 25, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007 : Natural Resources, Votes 1, 5 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35.

Pursuant to the Order of reference made Monday,October 30, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2006-2007: Natural Resources, Votes 1a, 10a, 15a, 20a and 30a.

Hon. Gary Lunn made a statement and answered questions.

The Chair called Vote 1a under the Department of Natural Resources.

Vote 1a carried.

The Chair called Vote 10a under the Department of Natural Resources.

Catherine Bell moved, — That Vote 10a in the amount of $ 21,661,710 be reduced by $ 249,999 to $ 21,411,711.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 9.

Vote 10a carried.

The Chair called Vote 15a under Atomic Energy of Canada Limited.

Vote 15a carried.

The Chair called Vote 20a under the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

Vote 20a carried.

The Chair called Vote 30a under the National Energy Board.

Vote 30a carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1a, 10a, 15a, 20a and 30a, under NATURAL RESOURCES to the House.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/08 11:35 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 23

**Thursday, November 9, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson
and Alan Tonks.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Andrew Telegdi for Lloyd St. Amand.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Pembina Institute*:
Mary Griffiths, Senior Policy Analyst.

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Kim Kasperski, Research Scientist, CANMET Energy Technology Centre (CETC) - Devon;
Margaret McCuaig-Johnston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Technology and Programs Sector.

*Mackenzie River Basin Board*:
Jim Vollmershausen, Chair, Board Member.

Jim Vollmershausen, Mary Griffiths and Margaret McCuaig-Johnston made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, November 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Andrew Telegdi for Lloyd St. Amand.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Pembina Institute*: Mary Griffiths, Senior Policy Analyst. *Department of Natural Resources*: Kim Kasperski, Research Scientist, CANMET Energy Technology Centre (CETC) - Devon; Margaret McCuaig-Johnston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Technology and Programs Sector. *Mackenzie River Basin Board*: Jim Vollmershausen, Regional Director General, Board Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

Jim Vollmershausen, Mary Griffiths and Margaret McCuaig-Johnston made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/10 8:36 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 24

**Tuesday, November 21, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Syncrude*:

Jim Carter, President and Chief Operating Officer.

*Polaris Institute*:
Tony Clarke, Director.

*Albian Sands Energy Inc.*:
Rob Seeley, Vice-President, Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs.

*Suncor Energy Inc.*:
Mark Shaw, Vice-President, Oil Sands Sustainability.

Jim Carter and Tony Clarke made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Syncrude*: Jim Carter, President and Chief Operating Officer. *Polaris Institute*: Tony Clarke, Director. *Albian Sands Energy Inc.*: Rob Seeley, Vice-President, Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs. *Suncor Energy Inc.*: Mark Shaw, Vice-President, Oil Sands Sustainability.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

Jim Carter and Tony Clarke made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/22 9:00 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 25

**Thursday, November 23, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Roy Cullen,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce*:
Mike Allen, President.

*Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo*:
Melissa Blake, Mayor.

*Athabasca Chipewyan Tribe*:
Pat Marcel, Elder.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 23, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Hon. Roy Cullen, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce*: Mike Allen, President. *Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo*: Melissa Blake, Mayor. *Athabasca Chipewyan Tribe*: Pat Marcel, Elder.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/24 2:52 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 26

**Tuesday, November 28, 2006**

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers*:
Bruce Friesen, Manager, Land and Environment (Syncrude).

*Canadian Boreal Initiative*:
Alan Young, Program Manager;
Matt Carlson, Science Coordinator.

Alan Young and Bruce Friesen made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier.

*Witnesses*: *Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers*: Bruce Friesen, Manager, Reclamation (Syncrude). *Canadian Boreal Initiative*: Alan Young, Program Manager; Matt Carlson, Science Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

Alan Young and Bruce Friesen made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/29 12:05 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 27

**Tuesday, December 5, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency*:
Jean-Claude Bouchard, President.

*Cumulative Environmental Management Association*:
John McEachern, Executive Director;
Judy Smith, Vice-President.

*Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency*:
Scott Streiner, Vice-President, Program Delivery;
Peter Sylvester, Vice-President, Policy Development.

Jean-Claude Bouchard and Judy Smith made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency*: Jean-Claude Bouchard, President. *Cumulative Environmental Management Association*: John McEachern, Executive Director; Judy Smith, Vice-President. *Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency*: Scott Streiner, Vice-President, Program Delivery; Peter Sylvester, Vice-President, Policy Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

Jean-Claude Bouchard and Judy Smith made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/06 9:46 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 28

**Thursday, December 7, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marcel Lussier for Claude DeBellefeuille.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:

Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Bruneau Resources Management Limited*:
Angus Bruneau, President and Corporate Director.

*Energy Alberta Corporation*:
Wayne Henuset.

*University of Calgary*:
David Keith, Professor , Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering and Department of Economics.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Hon. Roy Cullen, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Marcel Lussier for Claude DeBellefeuille.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Bruneau Resources Management Limited*: Angus Bruneau, President and Corporate Director. *Energy Alberta Corporation*: Wayne Henuset. *University of Calgary*: David Keith, Professor , Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering and Department of Economics.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/08 2:37 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 29

**Tuesday, December 12, 2006**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Hon. Roy Cullen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Christian Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*ICON Group*:
Stephen Kaufman, Suncor;
Wishart Robson, Nexen Inc..

*BIOCAP Canada Foundation*:
David Layzell, Chief Executive Officer and Research Director.

Stephen Kaufman and David Layzell made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:48 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Hon. Roy Cullen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Christian Paradis, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *ICON Group*: Stephen Kaufman, Suncor; Wishart Robson, Nexen Inc.. *BIOCAP Canada Foundation*: David Layzell, Chief Executive Officer and Research Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

Stephen Kaufman and David Layzell made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:08 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Alan Tonks moved, — That the Committee recognize the valuable role of the BIOCAP Canada Foundation and its partners in creating innovative programs, cooperation and research networks to move Canada toward developing its bioeconomy; and that the Committee respectfully encourages the Government of Canada to provide immediate short term funding to the BIOCAP Canada Foundation in order that it be able to meet its commitments to Canadian university research..

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the proposed report outline and areas of recommendations.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/13 10:01 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Committee Clerk: Diane Deschamps.

## Meeting No. 30

**Monday, January 29, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jacques Gourde for Hon. Christian Paradis,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Hon. Roy Cullen,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Todd Norman Russell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Monday, January 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Jacques Gourde for Hon. Christian Paradis, Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Hon. Roy Cullen and Hon. Geoff Regan for Todd Norman Russell.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

Claude DeBellefeuille moved, — That the Committee requests as soon as possible that: the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Industry, the Minister of the Environment, the former Minister of the Environment, the Hon. Stéphane Dion, the former Minister of Industry, the Hon. David Emerson, the former Minister of Natural Resources, the Hon. John McCallum, and representatives of Natural Resources Canada who attended the meeting in Houston be invited to describe the circumstances that led to the Oil Sands Experts Group report issued after the meeting attended by representatives of the oil and gas industry, Natural Resources Canada, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Alberta Department of Energy, as well as observers from Mexico's Secretariat of Energy, on January 24–25, 2006, in Houston.

Debate arose thereon.

Jacques Gourde proposed that the motion be amended by deleting the words "the Minister of Industry, the former Minister of Industry, the Hon. David Emerson; and representatives of Natural Resources of Canada".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Jacques Gourde, and it was agreed to.

Alan Tonks moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words "and representatives from the Alberta Department of Energy".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alan Tonks and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Committee requests as soon as possible that: the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of the Environment, the former Minister of the Environment, the Hon. Stéphane Dion, the former Minister of Natural Resources, the Hon. John McCallum, and representatives from the Alberta Department of Energy be invited to describe the circumstances that led to the Oil Sands Experts Group report issued after the meeting attended by representatives of the oil and gas industry, Natural Resources Canada, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Alberta Department of Energy, as well as observers from Mexico's Secretariat of Energy, on January 24–25, 2006, in Houston.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to sit *in camera* for the consideration of a draft report on the Oil Sands.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/01 9:46 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 31

**Wednesday, January 31, 2007**

**IN CAMERA**

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report *in camera*.

At 4:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/02 3:05 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 32

**Wednesday, February 7, 2007**

**IN CAMERA**

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report *in camera*.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/09 9:26 a.m.

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## Meeting No. 33

**Monday, February 12, 2007**

## IN CAMERA

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Monday, February 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Lloyd St. Amand.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report *in camera*.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/20 10:59 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 34

**Wednesday, February 14, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Richard Harris,
Mark Holland,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Lloyd St. Amand,
and Bill Matthews for Todd Norman Russell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Lloyd St. Amand and Bill Matthews for Todd Norman Russell.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the Committee would complete its deliberations, including recommendations by Thursday, March 1, 2007, with respect to this report. Further, that the Committee will sit until 9:00 p.m. on Monday, February 19, 2007 and will determine if additional extended sittings are required to meet the deadline of Thursday, March 1, 2007 .

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/19 10:52 a.m.

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**Monday, February 19, 2007**

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Monday, February 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report *in camera*.

At 6:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/23 11:20 a.m.

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## Meeting No. 36

**Wednesday, February 21, 2007**

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde. Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the regular sitting of the Committee on Monday, February 26, 2007, be extended from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

It was agreed, — That the recommendations to the draft report can be submitted until Monday, February 26, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/23 2:30 p.m.

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## Meeting No. 37

**Monday, February 26, 2007**

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Monday, February 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst. *House of Commons*: Carmen DePape, Committee Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report *in camera*.

At 5:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:30 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 7:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 8:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the Committee complete the report on Wednesday and that the report be reported to the House by no later than Friday of this week.

At 8:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/01 9:02 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Steven Blaney for Jacques Gourde and Brian Fitzpatrick for Lee Richardson.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Natural Resources*: Chad Mariage, Clerk of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

At 4:20 p.m., the Vice-Chair, Alan Tonks took the Chair.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:43 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the meeting be adjourned.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/01 12:04 p.m.

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Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 39

**Wednesday, March 21, 2007**

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*Other Members present*: Hon. Ken Dryden.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Natural Resources*: Diane Deschamps, Committee Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of The Oil Sands.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report dissenting and/or complementary opinions in the name of Mr. Mike Allen, representing Conservative members, Ms. Catherine Bell, from the NDP, and Madame Claude DeBellefeuille, from the Bloc Québécois, provided that they are no more than six pages in length, and submitted electronically, in both official languages, to the Clerk of the Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee report to the House of Commons, the potential breach of privilege resulting from the release of information to The Canadian Press contained in the confidential draft report entitled "The Oil Sands: Toward Sustainable Development", prior to its presentation to the House.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: "The Oil Sands: Toward Sustainable Development".

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage

Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/23 3:47 p.m.

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Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 40

**Monday, March 26, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Mark Holland,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.
*Standing Committee on Natural Resources*:
Diane Deschamps, Committee Clerk.

Chad Mariage
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 40

Monday, March 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Natural Resources*: Diane Deschamps, Committee Clerk.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report on a question of privilege.

On motion of Alan Tonks, it was agreed, — That the draft report on the question of privilege be adopted.

On motion of Claude DeBellefeuille, it was agreed, — That the Chair and the Clerk be authorised to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

On motion of Alan Tonks, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 3:43 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Natural Resources, the Hon. Gary Lunn be invited to appear after the break in April in relation to Budget impacts and the Main Estimates 2007-2008.

It was agreed, — That the Committee travel to the Upper Churchill Hydro facility, Newfoundland and Labrador, on April 30, 2007, for a visit in relation to its study on the Greening of Canada's Energy Supply.

At 4:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Committee Clerk

2007/03/28 9:58 a.m.

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# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 41

**Wednesday, March 28, 2007**

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of amount of $34, 001, for the Committee's travel to Uppper Churchill, Newfoundland and Labrador, on Monday, April 30, 2007, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Subcommittee Budget of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee undertake a study on the Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

At 4:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/29 9:47 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 42

**Monday, April 16, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Maurice Vellacott.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Carol Buckley, Director General, Office of Energy Efficiency;
Tom Wallace, Director General, Electricity Resources Branch, Energy Policy Sector.

*Canadian Gas Association*:
Michael Cleland, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Canadian Electricity Association*:
Hans Konow, President and Chief Executive Officer.

**PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Graham Campbell, Director General.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 42

Monday, April 16, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

*Associate Members present*: Maurice Vellacott.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Carol Buckley, Director General, Office of Energy Efficiency; Tom Wallace, Director General, Electricity Resources Branch, Energy Policy Sector. *Canadian Gas Association*: Michael Cleland, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Electricity Association*: Hans Konow, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Participants present*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Graham Campbell, Director General.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Lloyd St. Amand, it was agreed, — That the proposed operational budget in the amount of $ 26,800, on the study of the Greening of electricity consumption in Canada, for the period of April to June 2007, be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/17 2:12 p.m.

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# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 43

**Wednesday, April 18, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Richard Harris,
Mark Holland,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Alan Tonks.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell,
and Dean Del Mastro for Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Wind Energy Association*:
Robert Hornung, President.

*Canadian Solar Industries Association*:
Elizabeth McDonald, Executive Director;
Richard Thorne, Vice-President.

*Canadian GeoExchange Coalition*:
Denis Tanguay, Executive Director.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 43

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell and Dean Del Mastro for Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Canadian Wind Energy Association*: Robert Hornung, President. *Canadian Solar Industries Association*: Elizabeth McDonald, Executive Director; Richard Thorne, Vice-President. *Canadian GeoExchange Coalition*: Denis Tanguay, Executive Director.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/26 2:18 p.m.

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# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

---------- : Alan Tonks.

## Meeting No. 44

**Monday, April 23, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Richard Harris,
Mark Holland,
Christian Ouellet,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Epp for Lee Richardson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources* :
Jean-Luc Bourdages.

**WITNESSES:**

*National Research Council Canada*:
Sherif Barakat, Vice-President, Engineering;
Andrew Norgaard, Director, Public Affairs.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 44

Monday, April 23, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Ken Epp for Lee Richardson.

*In attendance*: *Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources* : Jean-Luc Bourdages.

*Witnesses*: *National Research Council Canada*: Sherif Barakat, Vice-President, Engineering; Andrew Norgaard, Director, Public Affairs.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Lloyd St. Amand, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary arrangements for a dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 5, 2007 in the Parliamentary Restaurant with the delegation from the Mexican Congress Energy Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

Sherif Barakat made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/26 2:17 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 45

**Wednesday, April 25, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Richard Harris,
Mark Holland,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Guy André for Claude DeBellefeuille,
Guy André for Christian Ouellet,
and Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Lloyd St. Amand.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Northeast Power Coordinating Council*:
Philip A. Fedora, Assistant Vice-President, Reliability Services.

*Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro*:
Ed Martin, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Guy André for Claude DeBellefeuille, Guy André for Christian Ouellet and Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Lloyd St. Amand.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Northeast Power Coordinating Council*: Philip A. Fedora, Assistant Vice-President, Reliability Services. *Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro*: Ed Martin, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/27 2:02 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 46

**Wednesday, May 2, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Richard Harris,
Mark Holland,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*City of Greater Sudbury*:
Barb McDougall-Murdoch, Coordinator, Growth and Developpement.

*Town of Okotoks*:
Richard Quail, Municipal Manager.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *City of Greater Sudbury*: Barb McDougall-Murdoch, Coordinator, Growth and Developpement. *Town of Okotoks*: Richard Quail, Municipal Manager.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 47

**Monday, May 7, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Navdeep Bains for Mark Holland.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Net-Zero Energy Home Coalition*:
Gordon Shields, Executive Director;
Andrew Cole, Supervisor, Energy Conservation - Hydro Ottawa;
Simon Knight, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Change Central.

*Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation*:
Douglas Stewart, Vice-President, Policy and Planning.

Gordon Shields and Douglas Stewart made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

Monday, May 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Navdeep Bains for Mark Holland.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Net-Zero Energy Home Coalition*: Gordon Shields, Executive Director; Andrew Cole, Supervisor, Energy Conservation - Hydro Ottawa; Simon Knight, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Change Central. *Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation*: Douglas Stewart, Vice-President, Policy and Planning.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

Gordon Shields and Douglas Stewart made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 48

**Wednesday, May 9, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 under NATURAL RESOURCES referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Richard Harris,
Mark Holland,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Daniel Petit for Jacques Gourde.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

**WITNESSES:**

*Forest Products Association of Canada*:
Avrim Lazar, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*National Energy Board*:
John McCarthy, Business Leader, Commodities;
Bob Modray, Technical Specialist Economics & Energy Analysis Comodities Business Unit.

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Cassie J. Doyle, Deputy Minister;
Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Sector.

John McCarthy, Bob Modray and Avrim Lazar made statements and answered questions.

The Hon. Gary Lunn made a statement and answered questions.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Daniel Petit for Jacques Gourde.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier.

*Appearing*: Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

*Witnesses*: *Forest Products Association of Canada*: Avrim Lazar, President and Chief Executive Officer. *National Energy Board*: John McCarthy, Business Leader, Commodities; Bob Modray, Technical Specialist Economics & Energy Analysis Comodities Business Unit. *Department of Natural Resources*: Cassie J. Doyle, Deputy Minister; Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

John McCarthy, Bob Modray and Avrim Lazar made statements and answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 under NATURAL RESOURCES referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The Hon. Gary Lunn made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 49

**Monday, May 14, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Mark Holland,
and Peter Stoffer for Catherine Bell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier;
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Graham Campbell, Director General, Office of Energy Research and Development;
John Marrone, Director General, CANMET Energy Technology Centre - Ottawa.

*Canadian Clean Power Coalition*:
David Lewin, Chairman.

*Coal Association of Canada*:
George White, Chairman, Office of the President, Sherritt International Corporation.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 49

Monday, May 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Mark Holland and Peter Stoffer for Catherine Bell.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Graham Campbell, Director General, Office of Energy Research and Development; John Marrone, Director General, CANMET Energy Technology Centre - Ottawa. *Canadian Clean Power Coalition*: David Lewin, Chairman. *Coal Association of Canada*: George White, Chairman, Office of the President, Sherritt International Corporation.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Vice-Chair: Alan Tonks.

## Meeting No. 50

**Wednesday, May 16, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Boshcoff for Mark Holland.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons*:
Jacques Lahaie, Committee Clerk.
*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Nuclear Association*:
Murray Elston, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Energy Alberta Corporation*:
Wayne Henuset, President and Co-Chairman .

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Ken Boshcoff for Mark Holland.

*Associate Members present*: Dennis Bevington.

*In attendance*: *House of Commons*: Jacques Lahaie, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Canadian Nuclear Association*: Murray Elston, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Energy Alberta Corporation*: Wayne Henuset, President and Co-Chairman .

On motion of Claude DeBellefeuille, it was agreed, — That officials from the Department of Natural Resources be invited to appear before the Committee for the second hour of the meeting on May 28, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 51

**Monday, May 28, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Richard Harris,
Mark Holland,
Christian Ouellet,
Lee Richardson,
Todd Norman Russell,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Enerconcept Technologies Inc.*:
Christian Vachon, Engineer, Business and Technological Development.

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Howard E. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Policy Sector;
Tom Wallace, Director General, Electricity Resources Branch.

*Atomic Energy of Canada Limited*:
David F. Torgerson, Senior Vice-President, Technology.

Tom Wallace and David F. Torgerson made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 51

Monday, May 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Todd Norman Russell, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Enerconcept Technologies Inc.*: Christian Vachon, Engineer, Business and Technological Development. *Department of Natural Resources*: Howard E. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Policy Sector; Tom Wallace, Director General, Electricity Resources Branch. *Atomic Energy of Canada Limited*: David F. Torgerson, Senior Vice-President, Technology.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

Tom Wallace and David F. Torgerson made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 52

**Wednesday, May 30, 2007**

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 52

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:46 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Glen Douglas Pearson for Lloyd St. Amand.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 4:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Lee Richardson.

## Meeting No. 53

**Monday, June 4, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
Catherine Bell,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Richard Harris,
Mark Holland,
Lee Richardson,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Crête for Christian Ouellet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst;
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Ocean Renewable Energy Group*:
Chris Campbell, Executive Director.

*Simon Fraser University*:
Mark Jaccard, Professor, School of Resource and Environmental Management.

*New Brunswick System Operator*:
Bill Marshall, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# PROCÈS-VERBAL

Séance n$^{o}$ 53

Le lundi 4 juin 2007

Le Comité permanent des ressources naturelles se réunit aujourd'hui à 15 h 36 (vidéoconférence), dans la pièce 308 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Lee Richardson, le président.

*Membres du Comité présents* : Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks et Bradley R. Trost.

*Membres substituts présents* : Paul Crête remplace Christian Ouellet.

*Aussi présents* : *Bibliothèque du Parlement* : Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, analyste; Jean-Luc Bourdages, analyste.

*Témoins* : *Ocean Renewable Energy Group* : Chris Campbell, directeur général. *Université Simon Fraser* : Mark Jaccard, professeur, École de gestion de l'environnement et des ressources naturelles. *Exploitant du Reseau du Nouveau-Brunswick* : Bill Marshall, président-directeur général.

Conformément à l'article 108(2) du Règlement et à la motion adoptée par le Comité le 28 mars 2007, le Comité reprend son étude de l'écologisation de la consommation d'électricité au Canada.

Les témoins font des déclarations et répondent aux questions.

À 17 h 28, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation par la présidence.

Le greffier du Comité,

Chad Mariage

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## Meeting No. 54

**Wednesday, June 6, 2007**

## IN CAMERA

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Other Participants present*: *As individuals*: Mr. Moises Dagdug Lutzow; Mr. David Maldonado Gonzalez; Mr. Arturo Martinez Rocha; Mr. Robinson Uscanga.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Greening of Electricity Consumption in Canada.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:52 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from Mexico.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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## Meeting No. 55

**Monday, June 11, 2007**

## IN CAMERA

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 55

Monday, June 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, Catherine Bell, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Richard Harris, Mark Holland, Christian Ouellet, Lee Richardson, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Roger Gaudet for Christian Ouellet.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 3:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:08 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 4:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Clerk of the Committee: Chad Mariage.

## Meeting No. 1

**Thursday, November 15, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

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**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Navdeep Bains for Omar Alghabra.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.
*Standing Committee on Natural Resources*:
Maxime Ricard, Committee Clerk.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Committee present*: Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Navdeep Bains for Omar Alghabra.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Natural Resources*: Maxime Ricard, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Alan Tonks, it was agreed, — That Leon Benoit be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Alan Tonks, it was agreed, — That Lloyd St. Amand be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Claude DeBellefeuille, it was agreed, — That Catherine Bell be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Leon Benoit took the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed with the study of Routine Motions.

On motion of Ken Boshcoff, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

Catherine Bell moved, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least 4 members are present, including 2 member of the opposition.

Debate arose thereon.

Bradley R. Trost moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words "members of the opposition" the following: "and 1 member of the government".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bradley R. Trost and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Ken Boshcoff, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents that are available in both official languages.

On motion of Lloyd St. Amand, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized, at the discretion of the Chair, to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

On motion of Bradley R. Trost, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnessses not exceeding 2 representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

Catherine Bell moved, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an *in camera* meeting.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of David Anderson, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words "*in camera* meeting" the following: "who may be of the member's staff, the research bureau, the house leader's office, or the whip's office".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an *in camera* meeting who may be of the member's staff, the research bureau, the house leader's office, or the whip's office.

David Anderson moved, — That *in camera* meetings be transcribed and that the transcription be kept with the Clerk of the Committee for later consultation by members of Parliament, and that these transcripts be destroyed at the end of the session.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 8.

Claude DeBellefeuille moved, — That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

David Anderson moved, — That forty-eight (48) hours notice shall be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the susbstantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; And that the period of notice be calculated from the time the motion has been distributed to the members of the committee by the Clerk of the Committee; And that the motion shall

be distributed to members in both official languages; And that all motions received by the Clerk shall be placed upon the agenda of the first committee meeting following the period of notice.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

On motion of Ken Boshcoff, it was agreed, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the susbstantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages.

Bradley R. Trost moved, — That all Motions shall be moved by their sponsor within two (2) meetings of their first being listed on the agenda as Committee business, failing which the motion shall be deemed abandoned by the mover and shall be dispensed with and may no longer be subject to Committee consideration.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

On motion of Mike Allen, it was agreed, — That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statement; that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated as follows:

Round 1 (7 minutes): Liberal Party, Bloc Québécois, New Democratic Party, Conservative Party

Round 2 (5 minutes): Liberal Party, Bloc Québécois, Conservative Party

Round 3 (5 minutes): Liberal Party, Conservative Party, Liberal Party, Conservative Party

Round 4 (5 minutes): Liberal Party, Bloc Québécois, New Democratic Party, Conservative Party.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Minister be invited to appear for the first hour at the next Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 in relation to Bill C-5, Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act; and that Department of Natural Resources officials be invited for the last hour of the meeting.

It was agreed, — That the Minister be invited to appear in relation to the study on Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Vote 1a, 5a, 10a, 15a and 30a under NATURAL RESOURCES.

It was agreed, — That Members of the Committee submit to the Clerk a list of potential witnesses in relation to its study of Bill C-5, Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act; by noon on Monday, November 19, 2007.

It was agreed, — That Members of the Committee submit to the Clerk a list of potential topics for future business, by Tuesday, November 20, 2007.

At 10:34 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/21 1:37 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Vice-Chair: Lloyd St. Amand.

## Meeting No. 2

**Thursday, November 22, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Vote 1a, 5a, 10a, 15a and 30a under Natural Resources referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Harold Albrecht for Leon Benoit,
Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell,
Ken Epp for Richard Harris,

and Mike Wallace for Richard Harris.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.
*Standing Committee on Natural Resources*:
Maxime Ricard, Committee Clerk.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Sue Kirby, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector;
Dave McCauley, Acting Director, Uranium and Radioactive Waste Division;
Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister;
Philip Jennings, Assistant Deputy Minister, Major Projects Management Office.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Harold Albrecht for Leon Benoit, Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell, Ken Epp for Richard Harris and Mike Wallace for Richard Harris.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Natural Resources*: Maxime Ricard, Committee Clerk.

*Appearing*: Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Sue Kirby, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector; Dave McCauley, Acting Director, Uranium and Radioactive Waste Division; Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister; Philip Jennings, Assistant Deputy Minister, Major Projects Management Office.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

The Minister, Hon. Gary Lunn, made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Vote 1a, 5a, 10a, 15a and 30a under Natural Resources referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

The Minister, Hon. Gary Lunn, made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/23 10:58 a.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 3

**Tuesday, November 27, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;
Robert Dufresne, Analyst.
*Standing Committee on Natural Resources*:
Maxime Ricard, Committee Clerk.

**WITNESSES:**

*Nuclear Insurance Association of Canada*:
Colleen DeMerchant , Assistant Manager.

*Canadian Nuclear Association*:
Murray Elston, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Pierre A. Guimond, Director, Regulatory Affairs.

*Nuclear Insurance Association of Canada*:
Dermot Murphy, Manager.

*Greenpeace Canada*:
Shawn-Patrick Stensil, Energy and Climate Campaigner.

*Municipality of Port Hope*:
Linda Thompson, Mayor.

*Walker Sorenson LLP*:
John Walker, Legal Counsel.

*Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities* :
Franklin Wu, Secretary-Treasurer.

Murray Elston and Dermot Murphy made statements and, with John Walker, answered questions.

Linda Thompson and Shawn-Patrick Stensil made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Natural Resources*: Maxime Ricard, Committee Clerk.

*Witnesses*: *Nuclear Insurance Association of Canada*: Colleen DeMerchant , Assistant Manager. *Canadian Nuclear Association*: Murray Elston, President and Chief Executive Officer; Pierre A. Guimond, Director, Regulatory Affairs. *Nuclear Insurance Association of Canada*: Dermot Murphy, Manager. *Greenpeace Canada*: Shawn-Patrick Stensil, Energy and Climate Campaigner. *Municipality of Port Hope*: Linda Thompson, Mayor. *Walker Sorenson LLP*: John Walker, Legal Counsel. *Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities* : Franklin Wu, Secretary-Treasurer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

Murray Elston and Dermot Murphy made statements and, with John Walker, answered questions.

At 10:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:08 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Linda Thompson and Shawn-Patrick Stensil made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That for the first hour of the merring on Thursday, November 29, 2007, the Committee hear testimony from additional witnesses on Bill C-5, and that the Committee commence clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-5 in the second hour.

On motion of Catherine Bell, it was agreed, — The Standing Committee on Natural Resources calls on the Government to respond to the recommendations put forward in the Advisory Group Report: National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries, and to announce any proposals for the implementation of these recommendations..

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 8:57 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 4

**Thursday, November 29, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;
Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Université Laval*:

Michel Duguay, Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

*Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility*:

Gordon Edwards, President.

**PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:

Dave McCauley, Acting Director;
Mr. Jacques Hénault, Analyst, Nuclear Liability and Emergency Preparedness.

*Department of Justice Canada*:

Brenda MacKenzie, Legal Counsel, Natural Resources Canada.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Université Laval*: Michel Duguay, Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. *Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility*: Gordon Edwards, President.

*Participants present*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Dave McCauley, Acting Director; Mr. Jacques Hénault, Analyst, Nuclear Liability and Emergency Preparedness. *Department of Justice Canada*: Brenda MacKenzie, Legal Counsel, Natural Resources Canada.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Catherine Bell moved, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair calls Clause 2.

By unanimous consent, Clause 2 was allowed to stand.

Clause 3 carried.

After debate, Clause 4 carried on division.

Clause 5 carried.

After debate, Clause 6 carried.

After debate, Clause 7 carried.

The Chair called Clause 8.

Debate arose thereon.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 1:40 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 5

**Tuesday, December 4, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;

Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

*House of Commons*:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Justice Canada*:

Brenda MacKenzie, Senior Counsel, Environment Canada.

*Department of Natural Resources*:

Dave McCauley, Acting Director, Uranium and Radioactive Waste Division;

Mr. Jacques Hénault, Analyst, Nuclear Liability and Emergency Preparedness.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst. *House of Commons*: Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Justice Canada*: Brenda MacKenzie, Senior Counsel, Environment Canada. *Department of Natural Resources*: Dave McCauley, Acting Director, Uranium and Radioactive Waste Division; Mr. Jacques Hénault, Analyst, Nuclear Liability and Emergency Preparedness.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

The Committee resumed clause-by-clause consideration on Clause 8 of the Bill.

Clause 8 carried.

Clause 9 carried.

Clause 10 carried.

Clause 11 carried.

After debate, Clause 12 carried.

Clause 13 carried.

On Clause 14,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 5 with the following:

"person shall be compensated if it results from"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

Clause 14 carried.

Clause 15 carried.

Clause 16 carried.

On Clause 17,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 17, be amended by replacing lines 9 to 11 on page 6 with the following:

"compensated."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

Clause 17 carried.

Clause 18 carried.

Clause 19 carried.

Clause 20 carried.

On Clause 21,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 21, be amended by adding after line 39 on page 6 the following:

"(1.1) If an operator fails to prove that a nuclear incident was not caused by the operator's negligence, the liability limit referred to in subsection (1) is increased to three times that amount."

RULING BY THE CHAIR

Bill C-5 limits the financial liability of a nuclear installation operator to $650 million. The amendment proposes to increase this threefold in cases where an operator fails to prove that a nuclear incident was not caused by operator negligence.

The rule against offending the financial initiative of the Crown applies; and here I note that the bill is accompanied by a Royal Recommendation, which provides for the appropriation of public revenue "under the circumstances, in the manner and for the purposes" set out in the bill.

This is expressed in *Marleau & Montpetit* on page 655: "An amendment is therefore inadmissible if it imposes a charge on the Public Treasury, or if it exceeds the objects or purposes or relaxes the conditions and qualifications as expressed in the Royal Recommendation."

It is clear that in proposing to introduce an additional financial liability limit, the amendment is altering the terms and conditions of the Royal Recommendation. Therefore I find that the amendment infringes on the financial initiative of the Crown and on that basis I must rule it inadmissible.

After debate, Clause 21 carried.

On Clause 22,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 22, be amended by replacing lines 9 and 10 on page 7 with the following:

"liability, referred to in subsection 21(1), every five years."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

Clause 22 carried.

On Clause 23,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 7 with the following:

"contains nuclear material, or for each reactor if in the case of a nuclear installation that generates electricity, financial security in"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

Clause 23 carried.

On Clause 24,

It was agreed, — That the Committee consider amendment BQ-3 before amendment BQ-2.

Claude DeBellefeuille moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 24, be amended by deleting lines 1 to 8 on page 8.

Debate arose thereon.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/05 11:44 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 6

**Thursday, December 6, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Alan Tonks.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;
Robert Dufresne, Analyst.
*House of Commons*:
Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk;
Maxime Ricard, Procedural Clerk.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Dave McCauley, Acting Director, Uranium and Radioactive Waste Division;
Mr. Jacques Hénault, Analyst, Nuclear Liability and Emergency Preparedness.

*Department of Justice Canada*:
Brenda MacKenzie, Senior Counsel, Environment Canada.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, December 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 8:51 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell and Hon. Geoff Regan for Alan Tonks.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst. *House of Commons*: Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk; Maxime Ricard, Procedural Clerk.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Dave McCauley, Acting Director, Uranium and Radioactive Waste Division; Mr. Jacques Hénault, Analyst, Nuclear Liability and Emergency Preparedness. *Department of Justice Canada*: Brenda MacKenzie, Senior Counsel, Environment Canada.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Claude DeBellefeuille, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 24, be amended by deleting lines 1 to 8 on page 8.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Claude DeBellefeuille and it was negatived.

Clause 24 carried.

Clause 25 carried.

After debate, Clause 26 carried.

Clause 27 carried.

Clause 28 carried.

Clause 29 carried.

Clause 30 carried.

Clause 31 carried.

Clause 32 carried.

Clause 33 carried.

On Clause 34,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 34, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 11 with the following:

"section (1) may not exceed 40 per cent of the"

Debate arose thereon.

A point of order was raised regarding the procedural admissibility of the proposed amendment.

By unanimous consent, Clause 34 was allowed to stand.

Clause 35 carried.

Clause 36 carried.

On Clause 37,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 37, be amended by replacing line 8 on page 12 with the following:

"*Canada Gazette* and in a newspaper in general circulation in each province and territory of Canada or, if the nuclear incident occurs outside of Canada, in a newspaper in general circulation throughout Canada."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

Clause 37 carried.

On Clause 38,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 38, be amended by replacing line 11 on page 12 with the following:

"who shall select from among themselves a person who shall act as the"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

Clause 38 carried.

Clause 39 carried.

Clause 40 carried.

Clause 41 carried.

Clause 42 carried.

Clause 43 carried.

On Clause 44,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing lines 6 to 8 on page 13 with the following:

"**44.** The Tribunal shall, at the times and locations that it considers appropriate, hold its hearings in public unless, at the request of a claimant, the Tribunal is of the opinion that the claimant's privacy interest outweighs the principle that hearings be open to the public, and in that case the Tribunal shall hold a hearing in private and disclose the reasons why the hearing cannot be held in public and the items discussed at that hearing. No decisions may be made while the hearing is being held in private."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

Clause 44 carried.

Clause 45 carried.

Clause 46 carried.

On Clause 47,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 47, be amended by replacing line 29 on page 13 with the following:

"**47.** The Tribunal may not refuse to hear any"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

Clause 47 carried.

On Clause 48,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 48, be amended by replacing lines 32 and 33 on page 13 with the following:

"**48.** The Tribunal shall submit to the Minister a report on its"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

Clause 48 carried.

Clause 49 carried.

Clause 50 carried.

Clause 51 carried.

On Clause 52,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 52, be amended by adding after line 31 on page 14 the following:

"(2) If a panel holds a hearing in private, the panel shall disclose the reasons why the hearing cannot be held in public and the items discussed at that hearing. No decisions may be made while a hearing is being held in private."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

Clause 52 carried.

Clause 53 carried.

Clause 54 carried.

Clause 55 carried.

On Clause 56,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 56, be amended by replacing lines 30 and 31 on page 15 with the following:

"parties. The panel hearing the appeal may, if in its opinion it is"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

Clause 56 carried.

Clause 57 carried.

Clause 58 carried.

Clause 59 carried.

Clause 60 carried.

Clause 61 carried.

Clause 62 carried.

Clause 63 carried.

Clause 64 carried.

On Clause 65,

Dennis Bevington moved, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 65, be amended by replacing line 34 on page 18 with the following:

"$1,000,000 for each day on which the offence is"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dennis Bevington and it was negatived.

After debate, Clause 65 carried.

Clause 66 carried.

Clause 67 carried.

Clause 68 carried.

On new Clause 68.1,

Claude DeBellefeuille moved, — That Bill C-5 be amended by adding after line 3 on page 20 the following new clause:

"68.1 (1) The Governor in Council may not make a regulation under section 66, 67 or 68 unless the Minister has first laid the proposed regulation before the House of Commons.

(2) A proposed regulation that is laid before the House of Commons is deemed to be automatically referred to the appropriate committee of the House, as determined by the rules of the House, and the committee may conduct inquiries or public hearings with respect to the proposed regulation and report its findings to the House.

(3) The Governor in Council may make a regulation under section 66, 67 or 68 only if

(*a*) the House of Commons has not concurred in any report from a committee respecting the proposed regulation within the thirty sitting days following the day on which the proposed regulation was laid before the House, in which case the regulation may only be made in the form laid; or

(*b*) the House of Commons has concurred in a report from a committee approving the proposed regulation or an amended version of it, in which case regulation may only be made in the form concurred in.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "sitting day" means a day on which the House of Commons sits."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Claude DeBellefeuille and it was negatived.

Clause 69 carried.

Clause 70 carried.

Clause 71 carried.

Clause 72 carried.

Clause 73 carried.

Clause 74 carried.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Dennis Bevington moved, — With the Government's indication it is about to sign the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, and with the Minister of Natural Resources' comments in front of the committee on November 22, 2007, that "once the government has made a decision then I would be quite happy to come back to committee," that the Standing Committee on Natural Resources request that the Minister appear at the next meeting of the committee on December 6, 2007 in order to discuss Canada's participation with the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/14 10:22 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 7

**Tuesday, December 11, 2007**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;

Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

*House of Commons*:

Maxime Ricard, Procedural Clerk.

**PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:

Mr. Jacques Hénault, Analyst, Nuclear Liability and Emergency Preparedness;

Dave McCauley, Acting Director.

*Department of Justice Canada*:

Brenda MacKenzie, Senior Counsel, Environment Canada.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst. *House of Commons*: Maxime Ricard, Procedural Clerk.

*Participants present*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Mr. Jacques Hénault, Analyst, Nuclear Liability and Emergency Preparedness; Dave McCauley, Acting Director. *Department of Justice Canada*: Brenda MacKenzie, Senior Counsel, Environment Canada.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday October 30, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting civil liability and compensation for damage in case of a nuclear incident "Nuclear Liability and Compensation Act".

The Committee resumed clause-by-clause consideration on Clause 34 of the Bill.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Dennis Bevington, — That Bill C-5, in Clause 34, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 11 with the following:

"section (1) may not exceed 40 per cent of the"

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 34 carried.

Clause 2 carried.

The Short Title carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 9:09 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:14 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Omar Alghabra moved, — That the Standing Committee on Natural Resources schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., to hear from the Minister of Natural Resources, the President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission as well as executives from AECL to help the Committee understand the ongoing crisis in the supply of medical isotopes and the causes for extended shut down of their nuclear reactor at Chalk River.

Debate arose thereon.

Bradley R. Trost moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the word "special" and by replacing the words "Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 3:30 p.m." with the words "Thursday, December 13, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with the possibility of sitting until noon".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bradley R. Trost and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Natural Resources schedule a meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with the possibility of sitting until noon, to hear from the Minister of Natural Resources, the President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission as well as executives from AECL to help the Committee understand the ongoing crisis in the supply of medical isotopes and the causes for extended shut down of their nuclear reactor at Chalk River.

It was agreed, — That the scheduled meeting of Thursday, December 13, 2007 take place even if the House of Commons ajourns on Wednesday.

Ken Boshcoff moved, — That the Standing Committee on Natural Resources launch an intensive study that focuses on the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry and develop a market-based action plan that would set the groundwork for a vibrant forestry industry.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 0.

It was agreed, — That up to 6 meetings be allocated for the forestry study.

Omar Alghabra moved, — That at the conclusion of the forestry study, the Committee study the government's decisions to join the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership and conduct a full review of Atomic Energy Canada Limited hearing testimony from all relevant witnesses including the Minister, officials and stakeholders who will provide the Committee with the necessary information in order to report to the House its recommendation to the government.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on division.

It was agreed, — That the Library of Parliament analysts prepare a briefing note on the status of geological mapping in Canada in time for the conclusion of the forestry study.

At 10:33 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/12 4:07 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 8

**Tuesday, January 15, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss looking into nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris,
David J. McGuinty for Ken Boshcoff,
Richard Nadeau for Christian Ouellet,
and Marcel Proulx for Alan Tonks.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 3:01 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Claude DeBellefeuille, Lloyd St. Amand and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris, David J. McGuinty for Ken Boshcoff, Richard Nadeau for Christian Ouellet and Marcel Proulx for Alan Tonks.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss looking into nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

Omar Alghabra moved, — That the Committee, within the next two days, invite the Minister of Natural Resources and Ms. Linda Keen to appear before it on nuclear safety issues including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

Debate arose thereon.

Lloyd St. Amand moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words ", in that order," after the words "to appear".

Debate arose thereon.

David Anderson moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding after the words "nuclear reactor" the following: "and that the Minister be re-invited to respond to Ms. Keen's testimony and to answer further questions from the Committee".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of David Anderson and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Lloyd St. Amand and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Committee, within the next two days, invite the Minister of Natural Resources and Ms. Linda Keen to appear, in that order, before it on nuclear safety issues including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

Catherine Bell moved, — That the committee, as a result of the Auditor General's report into Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) submitted to the Minister of Natural Resources in September 2007, December 2002 and November 1996:

- develop terms of reference for an independent investigation into AECL and the relationship between AECL and Natural Resources Canada; and,

- that the terms of reference be set to include determining whether the current or previous Ministers of Natural Resources Canada, or their staff, inappropriately interfered with AECL; and,

- what actions this or previous Ministers took over the past ten years to address problems identified by the Auditor General or by any internal reviews that may have been completed; and,

- that the investigation be completed by an Officer of Parliament or by an independent eminent Canadian approved by this committee; and,

- that this committee report terms of reference for an investigation to Parliament within two weeks .

Debate arose thereon.

David Anderson moved, — That consideration of Catherine Bell's motion on AECL be postponed.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 1.

Catherine Bell moved, — That Atomic Energy Canada Limited (AECL), the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), produce the following documents, with the exception of confidential documents which may be omitted with a written explanation to the Committee, in order that the Committee has a better understanding of the on going problems at the National Research Universal Reactor at Chalk River Labs:

**Atomic Energy Canada Limited** Documents that relate to:

-The Root Cause analysis submitted to CNSC Public Meeting on January 9, 2008;

-The SDR (and the one page summery) submitted to CNSC Public Meeting on December 6, 2007;

-All correspondence between AECL and CNSC relating to upgrades to the National Research Universal (NRU) reactor after 2005;

-All correspondence between AECL and NRCan related to upgrades to the NRU reactor after 2005;

-All correspondence between AECL and NRCan regarding Chalk River between August 28, 2007 and January 10, 2008;

-The Auditor General's Special Examination Reports from 2002, and 1996;

**Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission** Documents that relate to:

-All correspondence between CNSC and AECL relating to upgrades to the National Research Universal (NRU) reactor after 2005;

-All correspondence between CNSC and NRCan related to upgrades to the NRU reactor after 2005;

-All correspondence between CNSC and NRCan regarding Chalk River between August 28, 2007 to January 10, 2008;

-Any Auditor General's Special Examination Reports on CNSC;

-Documents relating to 7 upgrades require of the NRU after 2005, the status of the upgrades and whether or not they were completed;

**Natural Resources Canada** Documents that relate to:

-any correspondence between the Ministry (including the Minister) regarding upgrades to the NRU at Chalk River since 2005;

-any briefs on safety and/or upgrades to the NRU since 2005;

-any internal documents on the status of the upgrades to the NRU since 2005;

-any correspondence received from AECL and/or CNSC on problems with the NRU.

Debate arose thereon.

David Anderson moved, — That consideration of Catherine Bell's motion on the production of documents be postponed.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 1.

At 4:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/18 10:03 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 9

**Wednesday, January 16, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris,
David J. McGuinty for Alan Tonks,
Richard Nadeau for Christian Ouellet,
and Marcel Proulx for Ken Boshcoff.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Dewar
and Hon. John Godfrey.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Cassie J. Doyle, Deputy Minister.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 10:00 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Claude DeBellefeuille, Lloyd St. Amand and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris, David J. McGuinty for Alan Tonks, Richard Nadeau for Christian Ouellet and Marcel Proulx for Ken Boshcoff.

*Other Members present*: Paul Dewar and Hon. John Godfrey.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Appearing*: Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Cassie J. Doyle, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/18 10:04 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 10

**Wednesday, January 16, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris,
David J. McGuinty for Ken Boshcoff,
Richard Nadeau for Christian Ouellet,
and Marcel Proulx for Alan Tonks.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 1:07 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Claude DeBellefeuille, Lloyd St. Amand and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris, David J. McGuinty for Ken Boshcoff, Richard Nadeau for Christian Ouellet and Marcel Proulx for Alan Tonks.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

Omar Alghabra moved, — That the Committee invite the following individuals to appear on January 29, 2008 :

Linda Keen, Sheila Fraser and Michael Burns

and that the Committee reserve the right to invite further witnesses at a later date.

Debate arose thereon.

David Anderson moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words "Michael Burns" the following: "that the Committee expand the witness list to include witnesses from all parties".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of David Anderson and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Committee invite the following individuals to appear on January 29, 2008 :

Linda Keen, Sheila Fraser and Michael Burns;

That the Committee expand the witness list to include witnesses from all parties;

and that the Committee reserve the right to invite further witnesses at a later date.

It was agreed, — That witness lists be submitted to the Clerk no later than end of day on Thursday January 24, 2008.

At 1:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/18 11:12 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 11

**Tuesday, January 29, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christiane Gagnon for Christian Ouellet,
Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris,
and David J. McGuinty for Alan Tonks.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Lui Temelkovski
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.
*House of Commons*:
Catherine Cuerrier, Committee Clerk;

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Auditor General of Canada*:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Nancy Cheng, Assistant Auditor General;
Jean-Pierre Plouffe, Principal.

*Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission*:
Linda J. Keen, Commission member, Ex-President.

*Department of Health*:
Meena Ballantyne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;
Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and answered questions.

Linda Keen made a statement and answered questions.

The Hon. Tony Clement made a statement and answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Christiane Gagnon for Christian Ouellet, Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris and David J. McGuinty for Alan Tonks.

*Other Members present*: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Lui Temelkovski and Hon. Robert Thibault.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst. *House of Commons*: Catherine Cuerrier, Committee Clerk.

*Appearing*: Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

*Witnesses*: *Office of the Auditor General of Canada*: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Nancy Cheng, Assistant Auditor General; Jean-Pierre Plouffe, Principal. *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission*: Linda J. Keen, Commission member, Ex-President. *Department of Health*: Meena Ballantyne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Linda Keen made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Hon. Tony Clement made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/30 8:54 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 12

**Thursday, January 31, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Alan Tonks.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Alan Tonks.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That for the next 2 meetings, the Committee conclude the study on nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor by inviting witnesses including, 3 from the Government, 3 from the Official Opposition, 2 from the Bloc Québécois and 1 from the NDP.

It was agreed, — That when the 2 meetings on nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor are concluded, the Committee proceed to the study on the Forestry Sector and that the list of potential witnesses be sent to the Clerk by end of the day on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit in public.

At 11:56 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:03 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Claude DeBellefeuille, it was agreed on division, — Given the seriousness of the crisis rocking the forestry sector, that the committee recommend that the government introduce as soon as possible an improved aid package for the forestry sector to diversify forestry economies, which is to be administered by Quebec, the other provinces and the territories and that a recommendation be reported to the House at the earliest opportunity following the study of the forestry industry.

On motion of Lloyd St. Amand, it was agreed, — That the proposed operational budget in the amount of $ 26 550, for the period of 2007 to 2008, in relation to the Committee's study on nuclear safety, be adopted.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/04 9:12 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 13

**Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:

Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility*:
Gordon Edwards, President.

*Hamilton Health Sciences and St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton*:
Karen Gulenchyn, Medical Chief, Department of Nuclear Medicine.

*Atomic Energy of Canada Limited*:
Brian McGee, Senior Vice-President and Chief Nuclear Officer.

*University of British Columbia*:
Thomas L. Perry, Department of Medicine and Department of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a video recorded session and by videoconference at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility*: Gordon Edwards, President. *Hamilton Health Sciences and St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton*: Karen Gulenchyn, Medical Chief, Department of Nuclear Medicine. *Atomic Energy of Canada Limited*: Brian McGee, Senior Vice-President and Chief Nuclear Officer. *University of British Columbia*: Thomas L. Perry, Department of Medicine and Department of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/05 2:52 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 14

**Thursday, February 7, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*MDS Nordion*:
Grant Malkoske, Vice President, Strategic Technologies;
David McInnes, Vice President, International Relations.

*University of Waterloo*:
Jatin Nathwani, Professor and Ontario Research Chair in Public Policy for Sustainable Energy Management, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Environmental Studies.

*Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine*:
Christopher O'Brien, Past President.

*Anderson Soublière Inc.*:
Jean-Pierre Soublière, President.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, February 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *MDS Nordion*: Grant Malkoske, Vice President, Strategic Technologies; David McInnes, Vice President, International Relations. *University of Waterloo*: Jatin Nathwani, Professor and Ontario Research Chair in Public Policy for Sustainable Energy Management, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Environmental Studies. *Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine*: Christopher O'Brien, Past President. *Anderson Soublière Inc.*: Jean-Pierre Soublière, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/18 11:18 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 15

**Tuesday, February 12, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Ken Boshcoff,

and Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Cassie J. Doyle, Deputy Minister;
Jim Farrell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service;
Sue Kirby, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector.

Cassie Doyle made a statement and, with Jim Farrell, answered questions.

Cassie Doyle made a statement and, with Sue Kirby, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Ken Boshcoff and Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Cassie J. Doyle, Deputy Minister; Jim Farrell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service; Sue Kirby, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

Cassie Doyle made a statement and, with Jim Farrell, answered questions.

On motion of Mike Allen, it was agreed, — That the proposed operational budget in the amount of $ 39 000, for the period of 2007 to 2008 in relation to its study on the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry, be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 15, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

Cassie Doyle made a statement and, with Sue Kirby, answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/13 12:13 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 16

**Thursday, February 14, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Johanne Deschamps for Christian Ouellet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Forest Products Association of Canada*:
Avrim Lazar, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Tom Rosser, Chief Economist.

*AbitibiBowater Inc.*:
Hugues Simon, Vice-President, Value-Added Wood Products.

*Quebec Forest Industry Council*:
Michel Vincent, Director, Economics, Markets and International Trade.

Avrim Lazar, Michel Vincent and Hugues Simon made statements and, with Tom Rosser, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, February 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Johanne Deschamps for Christian Ouellet.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Forest Products Association of Canada*: Avrim Lazar, President and Chief Executive Officer; Tom Rosser, Chief Economist. *AbitibiBowater Inc.*: Hugues Simon, Vice-President, Value-Added Wood Products. *Quebec Forest Industry Council*: Michel Vincent, Director, Economics, Markets and International Trade.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

Avrim Lazar, Michel Vincent and Hugues Simon made statements and, with Tom Rosser, answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/15 10:18 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 17

**Thursday, February 28, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Mike Allen,
and Marc Lemay for Claude DeBellefeuille.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:

Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada*:
David Coles, President;
Keith Newman, Assistant to the President.

*Fédération des producteurs de bois du Québec*:
Jean-Pierre Dansereau, Director General;
Pierre-Maurice Gagnon, President.

*FPInnovations*:
Ian de la Roche, President and CEO.

*As an Individual*:
Emilio Rigato.

Ian de la Roche, Jean-Pierre Dansereau, David Coles and Emilio Rigato made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Mike Allen and Marc Lemay for Claude DeBellefeuille.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada*: David Coles, President; Keith Newman, Assistant to the President. *Fédération des producteurs de bois du Québec*: Jean-Pierre Dansereau, Director General; Pierre-Maurice Gagnon, President. *FPInnovations*: Ian de la Roche, President and CEO. *As an individual*: Emilio Rigato.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

Ian de la Roche, Jean-Pierre Dansereau, David Coles and Emilio Rigato made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/29 10:14 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 18

**Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Alan Tonks.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst;
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Council of Forest Industries*:
John Allan, President and CEO.

*Université du Québec à Chicoutimi*:
Réjean Gagnon, Research Professor, Director and Coordinator of the Consortium de recherche sur la forêt boréale commerciale (CRFBC) , Department of Basic Sciences.

*Canadian Boreal Initiative*:
Mary Granskou, Senior Policy Advisor.

*CIBC World Markets*:
Don Roberts, Managing Director.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met by videoconference at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Council of Forest Industries*: John Allan, President and CEO. *Université du Québec à Chicoutimi*: Réjean Gagnon, Professor/Researcher and Director/Coordinator of the consortium de recherche sur la forêt boréale commerciale (CRFBC) , Department of Basic Sciences. *Canadian Boreal Initiative*: Mary Granskou, Senior Policy Advisor. *CIBC World Markets*: Don Roberts, Managing Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Claude DeBellefeuille, it was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Minister of Natural Resources to appear before it before March 14, 2008, regarding the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2007-2008 and the recent Federal Budget.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/05 10:29 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 19

**Thursday, March 6, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Alan Tonks.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gérard Asselin for Claude DeBellefeuille,
Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Bradley R. Trost,
and Tony Martin for Catherine Bell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst;
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Maritime Lumber Bureau*:
Diana Blenkhorn, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Township of James and Town of Elk Lake*:
Jeff Barton, Community Development Forester;
Terry Fiset, Reeve, Township of James;
George Lefebvre, Community Development Advisor.

*Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society*:
Tim Gray, Chair, Conservation Committee of the Board.

*McMaster University*:
Robert Pelton, Professor of Chemical Engineering.

*SENTINEL Bioactive Paper Network*:
George Rosenberg, Managing Director.

Tim Gray, Jeff Barton, Terry Fiset, Robert Pelton and Diana Blenkhorn made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, March 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Members present*: Gérard Asselin for Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Bradley R. Trost and Tony Martin for Catherine Bell.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Maritime Lumber Bureau*: Diana Blenkhorn, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Township of James and Town of Elk Lake*: Jeff Barton, Community Development Forester; Terry Fiset, Reeve, Township of James; George Lefebvre, Community Development Advisor. *Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society*: Tim Gray, Chair, Conservation Committee of the Board. *McMaster University*: Robert Pelton, Professor of Chemical Engineering. *SENTINEL Bioactive Paper Network*: George Rosenberg, Managing Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

Tim Gray, Jeff Barton, Terry Fiset, Robert Pelton and Diana Blenkhorn made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the consideration of the draft report on the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry be completed by Saturday April 12, 2008; and that immediately thereafter, the Committee resume consideration of its study on nuclear safety issues, including safety issues at the Chalk River nuclear reactor.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/07 3:44 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 20

**Tuesday, March 11, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Alan Tonks.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Bradley R. Trost.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst;

Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Corporation agro-forestière Trans-Continental Inc.*:
Francis Albert, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue*:
Hugo Asselin, Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Development.

*Weyerhaeuser Company*:
William Candline, Plant Manager, Kenora Laminated Strand Lumber Facility.

*City of Kenora*:
Leonard Compton, Mayor.

*City of Prince Albert*:
Jim Scarrow, Mayor.

*First Nations Forestry Council*:
Bill Williams, Director and Chief.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Members present*: Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Corporation agro-forestière Trans-Continental Inc.*: Francis Albert, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue*: Hugo Asselin, Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Development. *Weyerhaeuser Company*: William Candline, Plant Manager, Kenora Laminated Strand Lumber Facility. *City of Kenora*: Leonard Compton, Mayor. *City of Prince Albert*: Jim Scarrow, Mayor. *First Nations Forestry Council*: Bill Williams, Director and Chief.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/12 2:08 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 21

**Thursday, March 13, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Joe Comuzzi.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Université Laval*:
Luc Bouthillier, Full Professor, Department of Wood and Forestry Science, Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics.

*United Steelworkers*:
Bob Matters, Chair, Steelworkers' Wood Council;
Joe Hanlon, President, Local 2693.

*J. D. Irving Limited*:
James D. Irving, President;
Christopher MacDonald, Director, Government Relations.

*University of British Columbia*:
David Cohen, Professor, Faculty of Forestry;
Jack Saddler, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry and Professor of Forest Products Biotechnology.

Bob Matters, Joe Hanlon, Luc Bouthillier, James D. Irving, David Cohen and Jack Saddler made statements and, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, March 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met by videoconference at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Hon. Joe Comuzzi.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Université Laval*: Luc Bouthillier, Full Professor, Department of Wood and Forestry Science, Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics. *United Steelworkers*: Bob Matters, Chair, Steelworkers' Wood Council; Joe Hanlon, President, Local 2693. *J. D. Irving Limited*: James D. Irving, President; Christopher MacDonald, Director, Government Relations. *University of British Columbia*: David Cohen, Professor, Faculty of Forestry; Jack Saddler, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry and Professor of Forest Products Biotechnology.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

Bob Matters, Joe Hanlon, Luc Bouthillier, James D. Irving, David Cohen and Jack Saddler made statements and, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bradley R. Trost moved, — That the Committee report the following to the House of Commons:

"Your committee has heard evidence from a number of representatives of the forestry industry and believes that it would be in the public interest for the Minister of Natural Resources to convene a Round Table Conference on the future of the Canadian Forest Industry.".

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of David Anderson, it was agreed, — That the debate be now adjourned.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold one additional meeting on transport issues related to its study on the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/14 2:26 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 22

**Tuesday, April 1, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gérard Asselin for Christian Ouellet,
Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Richard Harris,
and Barry Devolin for Mike Allen.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst;
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Buchanan Lumber Sales*:
John Adams, Transportation Manager;
Hal Brindley, President.

*Forest Products Association of Canada*:
Marta Morgan, Vice-President, Trade and Competitiveness;
David W. Church, Director, Transportation, Recycling and Purchasing.

*Terrace Bay Pulp Inc.*:
Hartley Multamaki, Vice-President, Planning and Development.

*Buchanan Pulp Sales*:
Pino Pucci, President.

Marta Morgan, Hartley Multamaki and Pino Pucci made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met by videoconference at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Gérard Asselin for Christian Ouellet, Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Richard Harris and Barry Devolin for Mike Allen.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Buchanan Lumber Sales*: John Adams, Transportation Manager; Hal Brindley, President. *Forest Products Association of Canada*: Marta Morgan, Vice-President, Trade and Competitiveness; David W. Church, Director, Transportation, Recycling and Purchasing. *Terrace Bay Pulp Inc.*: Hartley Multamaki, Vice-President, Planning and Development. *Buchanan Pulp Sales*: Pino Pucci, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

Marta Morgan, Hartley Multamaki and Pino Pucci made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bradley R. Trost moved, — That the Committee report the following to the House of Commons:

"Your Committee has heard evidence from a number of representatives of the forestry industry and believes that it would be in the public interest for the Minister of Natural Resources to convene a Round Table Conference on the future of the Canadian Forest Industry".

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That the debate be now adjourned and that it resume on Thursday, April 3, 2008.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/09 10:12 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 23

**Tuesday, April 8, 2008**

IN CAMERA

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Associate Members present*: Hon. Joe Comuzzi.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/09 9:26 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 24

**Thursday, April 10, 2008**

IN CAMERA

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Rodger Cuzner for Alan Tonks.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, notwithstanding the motion adopted on Tuesday, March 6, 2008, the Committee proceed with the consideration of the draft report on the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry during the week of April 14-18; and that an additional meeting be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m..

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/22 9:20 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 25

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008**

IN CAMERA

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Rob Clarke for Leon Benoit, Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Bradley R. Trost and Marc Lemay for Christian Ouellet.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/16 9:08 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 26

**Wednesday, April 16, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paule Brunelle for Claude DeBellefeuille,
and Denis Lebel for David Anderson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst;
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Paule Brunelle for Claude DeBellefeuille and Denis Lebel for David Anderson.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit in public.

At 3:41 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 3:42, the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Claude DeBellefeuille moved, — That the following motion be reported to the House at the first opportunity:

That in light of the importance of the data compiled by the RADARSAT-2 satellite, including hydrological, cartographical and geological data, the Standing Committee on Natural Resources recommend to the Minister of Industry that he maintain his decision, made under the Investment Canada Act, not to allow the sale of the aerospace assets of the Canadian company MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd (MDA) to the American company Techsystems Inc. (ATK).

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 0.

At 3:53 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 3:58, the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/17 3:46 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 27

**Thursday, April 17, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Denis Lebel for David Anderson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst;
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, April 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Denis Lebel for David Anderson.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit in public.

At 11:07 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Catherine Bell moved, — That the following motion be reported to the House at the first opportunity:

That the Standing Committee on Natural Resources urges the Government of Canada to delay rendering a decision on The Southern Lights and Alberta Clipper Expansion Projects aimed at exporting unprocessed energy resources to the United States of America, until the standing committee has reviewed all the implications of this and other proposed pipelines on Canada's energy security, economic development, and public interest and the standing committee has reported its findings to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

Omar Alghabra moved, — That the debate be now adjourned.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

At 11:33 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:33 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:34, the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/17 2:55 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Hon. Leon Benoit

## Meeting No. 28

**Tuesday, April 29, 2008**

IN CAMERA

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:22 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Roger Valley for Lloyd St. Amand.

*Associate Members present*: Hon. Joe Comuzzi.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Natural Resources be invited to appear on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 in relation to the Main Estimates 2008-2009.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/30 1:29 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Hon. Leon Benoit

## Meeting No. 29

**Thursday, May 1, 2008**

IN CAMERA

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, May 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris, Denis Lebel for Bradley R. Trost and Colin Mayes for Mike Allen.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/02 3:42 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 30

**Tuesday, May 6, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced / resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Vote 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 under Department of NATURAL RESOURCES referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bernard Bigras for Claude DeBellefeuille,
Bernard Bigras for Christian Ouellet,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Omar Alghabra.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst;
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Natural Resources*:
Cassie J. Doyle, Deputy Minister;
Jim Farrell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service;
Margaret McCuaig-Johnston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Technology and Programs Sector;
Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister.

The Hon Gary Lunn made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 12:03 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Bernard Bigras for Claude DeBellefeuille, Bernard Bigras for Christian Ouellet and Hon. Geoff Regan for Omar Alghabra.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Appearing*: Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Cassie J. Doyle, Deputy Minister; Jim Farrell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service; Margaret McCuaig-Johnston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Technology and Programs Sector; Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced / resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Vote 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 under Department of NATURAL RESOURCES referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

The Hon Gary Lunn made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed the questioning of the witnesses.

At 1:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/07 10:15 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Hon. Leon Benoit

## Meeting No. 31

**Thursday, May 8, 2008**

IN CAMERA

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, May 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Committee Clerk

2008/05/09 10:06 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Hon. Leon Benoit

## Meeting No. 32

**Thursday, May 15, 2008**

IN CAMERA

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, May 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:40 a.m. this day, in Room 213, Wellington Building, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Dennis Bevington for Catherine Bell and Denis Lebel for David Anderson.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jacques Lahaie
Committee Clerk

2008/05/16 9:34 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Hon. Leon Benoit

## Meeting No. 33

**Tuesday, May 27, 2008**

IN CAMERA

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Roger Gaudet for Christian Ouellet and Betty Hinton for Leon Benoit.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/29 4:38 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Vice-Chair: Lloyd St. Amand.

## Meeting No. 34

**Thursday, May 29, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Richard Harris,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cheryl Gallant for Leon Benoit.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst;
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, May 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met *in camera* at 11:48 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Cheryl Gallant for Leon Benoit.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Canada's Forest Industry: Recognizing The Challenges And Opportunities.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary arrangements for a press conference to be held on Tuesday June 3, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. after the tabling of the Committee's report to the House in relation to the study on the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry; and that Committee be represented by the Chair and a representative from each party.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release to announce the Committee's report in relation to the study on the unique opportunities and challenges facing the forest products industry.

It was agreed, — That the meeting on Tuesday June 3, 2008 be held from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m..

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to sit in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Mike Allen moved, — Notwithstanding any motions previously adopted by the Committee, that the Standing Committee on Natural Resources finish its study on the greening of electricity in Canada with a focus on the future of renewable energy such as wind, solar, hydro, and other emerging renewable sources immediately following the study on the forest products industry.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/29 3:22 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 35

**Tuesday, June 3, 2008**

## IN CAMERA

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 12:04 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Richard Harris, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Sukh Dhaliwal for Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley for Alan Tonks.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, notwithstanding any motions previously adopted by the Committee, the Standing Committee on Natural Resources examine Atomic Energy Canada Limited's (AECL) and the government's decision to discontinue the MAPLE reactors project and its ramifications on the supply of isotopes by calling relevant witnesses, the Minister of Natural Resources and Hugh MacDiarmid, President and Chief Executive Officer, AECL and MDS Nordion in an effort to better understand AECL's future plans, and to finalize the isotopes study already started by the Committee, immediately following the forestry study.

It was agreed, — That the Minister be invited to appear before the Committee on Thursday, June 6, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

It was agreed, — That proposed witness list be submitted to the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

At 1:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/16 10:01 a.m.

Close

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 36

**Thursday, June 5, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 3, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the decision of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and the Government to discontinue the MAPLE reactors project and its ramifications on the supply of isotopes.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Guy André for Christian Ouellet,
and Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, June 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met in a televised session at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Guy André for Christian Ouellet and Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst; Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

*Appearing*: Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

*Witnesses*: *Department of Natural Resources*: Sue Kirby, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector; Tom Wallace, Director General, Electricity Resources Branch. *Atomic Energy of Canada Limited*: Hugh MacDiarmid, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Participants present*: *Atomic Energy of Canada Limited*: Allen Hawryluk, General Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 3, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of the decision of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and the Government to discontinue the MAPLE reactors project and its ramifications on the supply of isotopes.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Hugh MacDiarmid made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/16 10:17 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 37

**Tuesday, June 10, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 3, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the decision of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and the Government to discontinue the MAPLE reactors project and its ramifications on the supply of isotopes.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris,
and Louis Plamondon for Christian Ouellet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:

Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP*:
John Campion, Counsel to MDS Nordion.

*MDS Nordion*:
Grant Malkoske, Vice-President, Strategic Technologies;
Steve West, President.

*As an Individual*:
John Waddington, Nuclear Safety Consultant.

Steve West and John Waddington made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:40 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris and Louis Plamondon for Christian Ouellet.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP*: John Campion, Counsel to MDS Nordion. *MDS Nordion*: Grant Malkoske, Vice-President, Strategic Technologies; Steve West, President. *As an individual*: John Waddington, Nuclear Safety Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 3, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of the decision of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and the Government to discontinue the MAPLE reactors project and its ramifications on the supply of isotopes.

Steve West and John Waddington made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/11 10:15 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 38

**Thursday, June 12, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 3, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the decision of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and the Government to discontinue the MAPLE reactors project and its ramifications on the supply of isotopes.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Christian Ouellet,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Francis Scarpaleggia for Ken Boshcoff.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cheryl Gallant.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst;
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Auditor General of Canada*:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Jean-Pierre Plouffe, Principal.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and answered questions.

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Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

Thursday, June 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources met at 11:35 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Catherine Bell, Leon Benoit, Claude DeBellefeuille, Christian Ouellet, Alan Tonks and Bradley R. Trost.

*Acting Members present*: Francis Scarpaleggia for Ken Boshcoff.

*Associate Members present*: Cheryl Gallant.

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Fréderic Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst; Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Office of the Auditor General of Canada*: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Jean-Pierre Plouffe, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 3, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of the decision of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and the Government to discontinue the MAPLE reactors project and its ramifications on the supply of isotopes.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m., by unanimous consent and pursuant to Standing Order 115(5), it was agreed that the Committee continue to sit until 12:25 p.m.

At 12:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/13 9:48 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: Leon Benoit.

## Meeting No. 39

**Tuesday, June 17, 2008**

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 3, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the decision of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and the Government to discontinue the MAPLE reactors project and its ramifications on the supply of isotopes.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra,
Mike Allen,
David Anderson,
Catherine Bell,
Leon Benoit,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Christian Ouellet,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Alan Tonks
and Bradley R. Trost.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament*:
Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission*:
Michael M. Binder, President.

*TRIUMF*:
Nigel Lockyer, Director.

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*Acting Members present*: Cheryl Gallant for Richard Harris. .

*In attendance*: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

*Witnesses*: *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission*: Michael M. Binder, President. *TRIUMF*: Nigel Lockyer, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 3, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of the decision of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and the Government to discontinue the MAPLE reactors project and its ramifications on the supply of isotopes.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bradley R. Trost moved, — That the Committee report the following to the House at the earliest opportunity:

A carbon tax is a trick; it will raise the price of everything, including food, electricity, home heating and gas at the pumps; it will devastate young families, seniors and people on a fixed income; destroy jobs in this time of global economic uncertainty, have a negative impact on Canada's traditional industries like forestry and will eliminate jobs; the Committee recommends, therefore, that the federal government reject any plans for new carbon taxes.

Debate arose thereon.

Catherine Bell moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "A carbon tax is a trick; it will raise the price of everything, including food, electricity, home heating and gas at the pumps: it will devastate young families, seniors and people on a fixed income; destroy jobs in this time of global economic uncertainty, have a negative impact on Canada's traditional industries like forestry and will eliminate jobs; the Committee recommends, therefore, that the federal government reject any plans for new carbon taxes." with the words "That this committee recognizes that we are living in a world where carbon must be constrained and priced, and further recognizes that the rising price of gas and energy impacts middle and lower income Canadians and makes life less affordable, therefore the committee recommends that the government put a price on carbon based on the polluter pay principle and invest in programs and develops innovative technologies to help Canadians reduce their carbon footprint and their

energy bills".

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible.

Whereupon, Catherine Bell appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was sustained on the following recorded division: YEAS: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, David Anderson, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Cheryl Gallant, Christian Ouellet, Lloyd St. Amand, Alan Tonks, Bradley R. Trost — 10; NAYS: Catherine Bell — 1.

David Anderson moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words "is a trick; it" and "raise the price of everything, including food, electricity, home heating and gas at the pumps; it will devastate young families, seniors and people on a fixed income; destroy jobs in this time of global economic uncertainty,".

The question was put on the amendment of David Anderson and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

It was agreed, — That the debate be now adjourned.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/19 11:10 a.m.